

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-03127-RC**

DBW PARTNERS, LLC v. UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/28/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**DBW PARTNERS, LLC**  
*doing business as*  
CAPITOL FORUM

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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES POSTAL  
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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES POSTAL  
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GENERAL**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/28/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5861146) filed by DBW PARTNERS, LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons USPS, # <u>6</u> Summons OIG, # <u>7</u> Summons AG, # <u>8</u> Summons US Attorney)(Williams, John) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
12/28/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DBW PARTNERS, LLC (Williams, John) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
12/31/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zef, ) (Entered: 12/31/2018)
12/31/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 12/31/2018)

01/11/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General January 4, 2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proof of delivery)(Williams, John) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/11/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE served on 1/4/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proof of delivery)(Williams, John) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/18/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/4/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/3/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proof of Delivery)(Williams, John) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL served on 1/3/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proof of Delivery)(Williams, John) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a status report, including a proposed briefing schedule, by February 19, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 5, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/19/2019 (tj) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
02/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the following briefing schedule is hereby ORDERED: Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed by April 19, 2019. Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Defendants' motion shall be filed by May 16, 2019. Defendants' Reply and Opposition to Plaintiff's Cross-Motion shall be filed by June 14, 2019. And Plaintiff's Reply shall be filed by June 28, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 15, 2019. (lcrc2, ) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 5/16/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 6/14/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 6/28/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 4/19/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/16/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/14/2019. (tj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
04/19/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Dennis Nicoski, # <u>4</u> Declaration of Elizabeth P. Martin, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/19/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>12</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by DBW PARTNERS, LLC (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration, # <u>4</u> Declaration, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, John) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DBW PARTNERS, LLC. (See Docket Entry <u>12</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 05/17/2019)

06/14/2019	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>15</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>16</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by DBW PARTNERS, LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Williams, John) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>17</u>	ORDER denying <u>11</u> Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and granting in part and denying in part <u>12</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/28/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>18</u>	MEMORANDUM AND OPINION denying <u>11</u> Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and granting in part and denying in part <u>12</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/28/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Filing of Updated Justifications for Withholdings and of Lodging of Document for In Camera Review by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Sharon Owens, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A -- Letter to Plaintiff 11/26/2019)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 11/27/2019)